

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 26, 2005, and the cited art have been carefully considered. The application has been amended to eliminate unnecessary limitations and to correct grammatical and similar errors. Reconsideration of the rejection of the application is respectfully requested based on the amendments and following discussion.

The drawings have been amended by including references to features already existing in the original drawings. No new matter is believed to have been added by referencing what was already shown.

The best mode description of the specification has been amended by in the second paragraph by changing a misspelling (“ledged” to “ledge”); in the second paragraph by copying text from original claims 6 and 7, modified to be sentences and correcting a misspelling (“providing” to “provides”); and in the fourth paragraph by correcting a misspelling (“form” to from”).

Claims 1 and 8 were amended to include text from the specification, page 3, second full paragraph, lines 10 - 11.

Other claims were amended to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner, lack of antecedent basis, and other minor defects.

OBJECTIONS:

The drawings were objected to for not showing every featured specified in the claims. FIG.s 1 and 2 have been amended to include appropriate references without adding new material.

In particular in Claim 1, “first edge” was identified.

FIG. 1 shows a first edge identified as item 46.

In claim 6, “rigid non-conducting body” was identified.

FIG. 2 shows a rigid non-conducting body identified as item 48.

In claim 6 “axially-extending crevice” was identified.

FIG. 2 shows an axially-extending crevice identified as item 50.

In claim 13 “end wall” was identified.

FIG. 1 shows an end wall identified as item 52.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) for not including reference sign “interior wall 20”

FIG. 1 shows an interior wall identified as item 20.

REJECTION 112:

1. Claims 1, 8, 13 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The claims have been amended.

REJECTION 102:

1. Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Mayer, US. 6,724,135.

Mayer ‘135 shows a reflector lamp with a cover lens mounted on a ledge formed on the face edged of the reflector, so that the face of the lens resides exactly along the face opening of the reflector.

Mayer ‘135 fails to provide a prima facie case of invalidity under 35 USC 102, since Mayer ‘135 fails to show, suggest, state or claim a limitation included in applicants' claims. Mayer ‘135 fails to teach a “lens being offset from the face opening sufficient that the whole of the lens is recessed from the face opening.” Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration of the rejected claims are therefore respectfully requested.

REJECTION 103:

2. Claims 3 - 16 were rejected under 35 USC 103 over Mayer ‘135 U.S. in view of Haraden, US 5,254,901.

The rejection of Claims 3 – 16 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over the combination of Mayer ‘135 in view of Haraden ‘901 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration thereof is requested.

Mayer ‘135, Haraden ‘901, Morris ‘748, and Meyer ‘282 show reflector lamps where the lens is mounted exactly along the face opening of the reflector. In each case the lens intersects, or is adjacent to the plane forming the reflector opening. In no case is the lens recessed in the reflector to be offset from the plane forming the face opening.

The cited art does not show teach or suggest forming the reflector with an offset support so the lens is recessed in the reflector cavity. None of the cited references individually or in combination with any of the others shows recessing the lens in the reflector cavity.

It is believed that a full and complete response to the Office Action has been made, that the Application as amended is patentably distinct over the cited art, and that the case is now in condition to be passed to issue. Reconsideration of the amended application is therefore requested, and an early favorable notice of allowance is courteously solicited.

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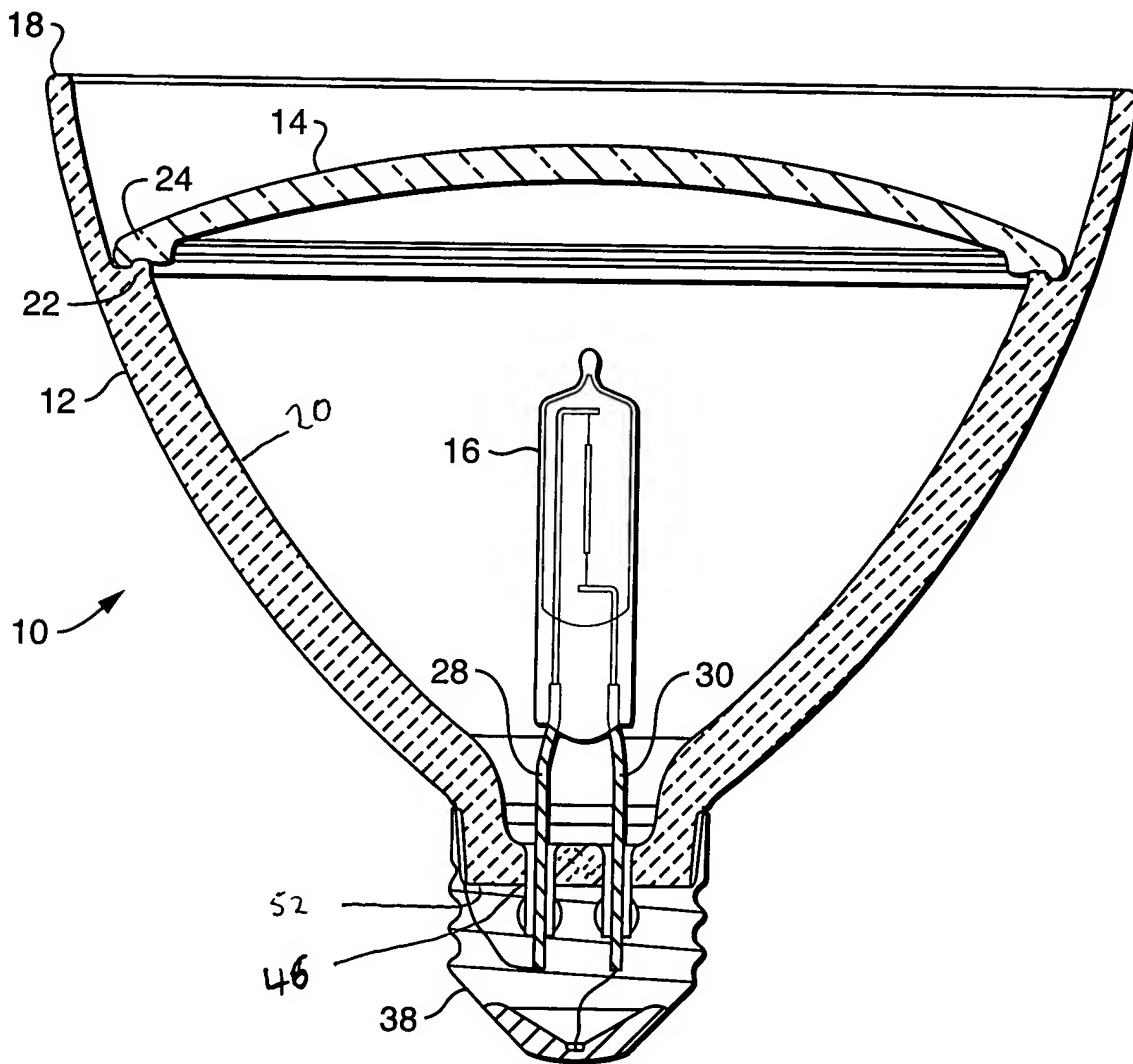


FIG. 1

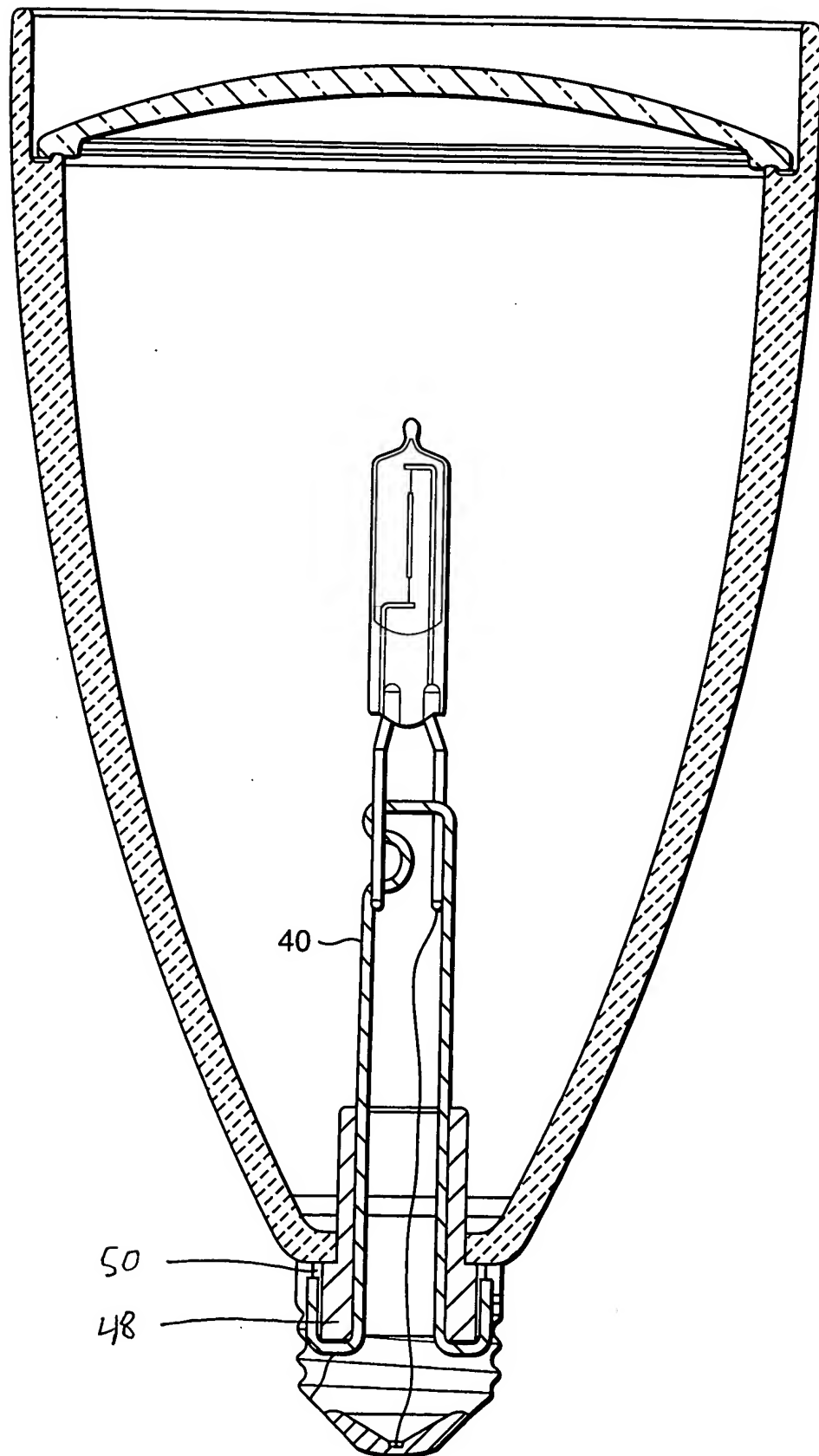


FIG. 2

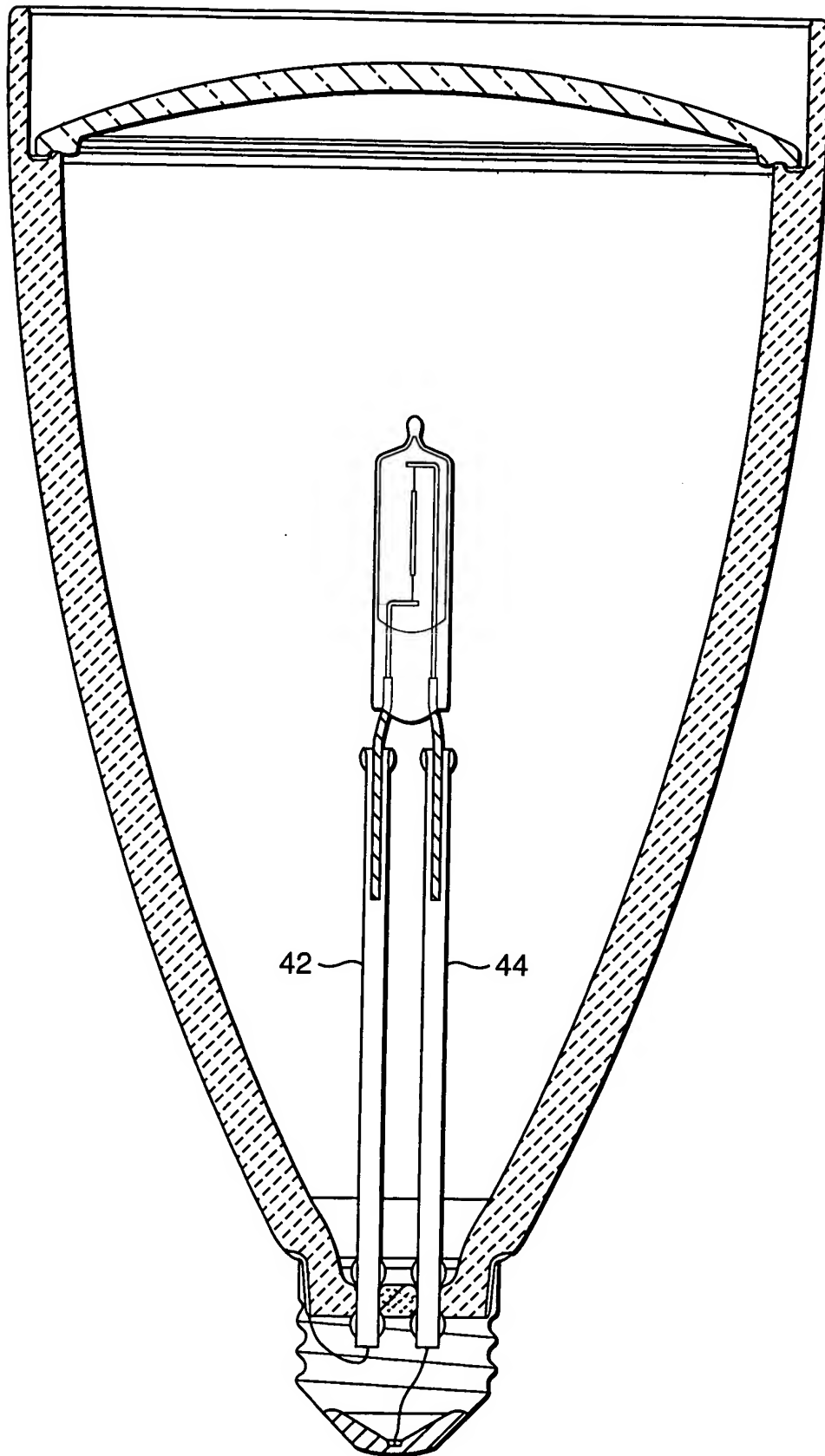


FIG. 3